

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A polarized light reflecting element comprising:  
  
at least one polymerized liquid crystal layer, cholesteric, chiral-nematic, or chiral, having a helical liquid crystal molecule array and a helical axis extending substantially in the normal direction,  
  
the in-plane mean value  $\alpha$  of the respective helix angles of the liquid crystal molecules being given by  $n\pi - 0.05\pi \leq \alpha \leq n\pi + 0.05\pi$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ).
2. (Original) A polarized light reflecting element according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of said liquid crystal layers with different helix pitches are stacked so that the liquid crystal molecules are continuously oriented on the interfaces between the liquid crystal layers and that one smooth helical structure is formed as a whole.
3. (Original) A polarized light reflecting element according to claim 2, wherein the mean value  $\alpha$  of the respective helix angles of the liquid crystal molecules of each said liquid crystal layer is given by  $n\pi - 0.05\pi \leq \alpha \leq n\pi + 0.05\pi$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ).
4. (Original) A polarized light reflecting element according to claim 1, wherein each of said liquid crystal layers has a helical liquid crystal molecule array and a thickness such that the layer reflects some of specific circularly polarized light components of incident light

and transmits the remainder of the specific circularly polarized light components not reflected and almost all other light components other than the specific circularly polarized light components.

5. (Original) A polarized light reflecting element according to claim 4, wherein the ratio between the reflected and transmitted ones of the specific circularly polarized light components ranges from 5:5 to 9:1.

6. (Original) A half-transmission-type liquid crystal display element comprising:  
a first polarization plate;  
a liquid crystal cell;  
a second polarization plate; and  
the polarized light reflecting element according to claim 1 located between the first and second polarization plates.

7. (Original) A half-transmission-type liquid crystal display element according to claim 6, wherein the first and second polarization plates have reverse circular polarization characteristics, and the polarized light reflecting element and the first and second polarization plates are located in a manner such that the transmittance of the polarized light reflecting element is at a minimum when the respective optical axes of the first and second polarization plates are rotated individually.

8. (Original) A liquid crystal display element comprising:  
a first polarization plate;

a liquid crystal cell;  
a second polarization plate;  
a backlight source;  
the polarized light reflecting element according to claim 1 located between the second polarization plate and the backlight source; and  
a  $\lambda/4$ -wavelength plate located between the second polarization plate and the polarized light reflecting element.

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